pensation, we will not have to spend a large amount for acquisition purpose.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will this road be taken up early?

President.—The Agricultural Superintendent says that he will consider the matter.

Construction of a road from Melur to Muringur.

266. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House whether any steps have yet been taken towards starting the construction of a road from the ferry opposite to His Highness the 4th Prince's Palace at Melur to Muringur village to connect the Chalakkudi road at 20/4, for which provision has already been made in the budget of 1104; if not, why not; will not the amount lapse at the end of the year, if the work is not carried out during the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. Necessary levels and cross sections have been taken and the estimate for the work is under preparation.

It is expected that the work will be started and the whole allotment utilised this year. If, however, it be found not possible to utilise the whole allotment, the balance amount required for the completion of the work will be provided in the budget for 1105.

Check-measurement of the Narakkal canal.

267. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the report of the Chief Engineer regarding the Narakkal canal referred to in question 74 of the Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1104 has reached the Government; if so, will a copy be placed on the Table;

(b) did the Chief Engineer find any discrepancies on check-measuring the same; if so, what action was taken?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes. The report is confidential and cannot, therefore, be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Some discrepancies in the quantity of earthwork billed for were noticed. The discrepancies were corrected as far as possible and the accounts of the contractor closed.

268. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the report to the Government by the Engineering Department after the check-measurement of the Narakkal canal referred to in the answer to question No. 74 of the Legislative Session of 1104?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 267.

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